

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A file cabinet for use in a vehicle having a cab with a seat and floor, said file cabinet comprising:
a base;
upstanding side walls forming an enclosure; and
10 a drawer;
said cabinet disposed between the cab seat and the cab floor and supporting the cab seat.

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2. The cabinet of claim 1 wherein the seat is a passenger seat disposed adjacent to a vehicle operator's seat.

3. The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said drawer is oriented and comprises an opening directed toward said vehicle operator.

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4. The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a small compartment for holding objects.

5. The cabinet of claim 4, wherein said compartment is disposed on a door face of said drawer.

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6. The cabinet of claim 1 wherein the vehicle is designated by weight classes 6 through 8.

7. The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a first set of fasteners connecting said cabinet to the cab floor and a second set of fasteners to connect said cabinet to the cab seat.

8. The cabinet of claim 7 wherein said second set of fasteners connect to the seat so that the seat lifts away from said cabinet from one edge of said upper surface of said cabinet.

5 9. The cabinet of claim 8 wherein the top of said cabinet comprises a tabletop.

10. The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a backrest disposed on the seat that is foldable forward and comprises a tabletop.

10 11. The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said cabinet is integral to the seat.

12. The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a locking component disposed on said drawer.

15 13. The cabinet of claim 12 wherein said locking component is engageable in response to air pressure derived from an air brake system of the vehicle.

14. The cabinet of claim 13 wherein said locking component is engageable in response to an on or off signal from the vehicle.

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15. The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said drawer comprises a plurality of fasteners to position files in said cabinet when said drawer is closed.

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16. A container for use in a vehicle, said container comprising:
a base;
upstanding side walls;
an upper surface forming an enclosure;
5 a door; and
a locking component disposed on said door, said locking component engageable in
response to an on or off signal from the vehicle.

10 17. A method for using a cabinet in a vehicle having a cab with a seat and floor, comprising
the steps of:
providing a base;
providing upstanding side walls;
providing an upper surface forming an enclosure;
providing a drawer;
15 disposing the cabinet between the cab seat and floor, the cabinet supporting the cab
seat;
locking the cabinet when the vehicle is turned on via a locking component engageable
with an "on" signal from the vehicle; and
unlocking the cabinet when the vehicle is turned off via an unlocking component
20 engageable with an "off" signal from the vehicle.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the steps of locking and unlocking the cabinet
comprise engaging and disengaging the locking and unlocking component in response to air pressure
derived from an air brake system of the vehicle.

19. A method for using a container in a vehicle, comprising the steps of:

- providing a base;
- providing upstanding side walls;
- providing an upper surface forming an enclosure;
- providing a door;
- locking the container when the vehicle is turned on via a locking component engageable with an "on" signal from the vehicle; and
- unlocking the container when the vehicle is turned off via an unlocking component engageable with an "off" signal from the vehicle.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein the steps of locking and unlocking the container comprise engaging and disengaging the locking and unlocking component in response to air pressure derived from an air brake system of the vehicle.